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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" If that recommendation alone is taken up first, that will be like putting the cart before the horse."

Revision of the Five-Year Plan.

* 327 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the projects of the residuary State which have been omitted in the revised Five-Year Plan and their estimated cost in each case;

(*b*) the approximate amount proposed to be spent in the residuary State under the Five-Year Plan; and

(*c*) what are the major items therein which necessitated revision of estimates for the past two and a half years and the amount, if any, spent in excess of the estimates for those items?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister):—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answer to the Legislative Assembly Question No. 61 (Starred) by Sri Aranganathan, M.L.A., answered on 17th Dectmber 1953. The revision of the plan for the Madras State is still under consideration."

Celebration of Vanamahotsava in 1953.

* 328 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent for the celebrations of Vanamahotsava in 1953; and

(*b*) how many plants were planted during this year and of those how many are alive now?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) The amount spent for the celebration of Vanamahotsava in 1953 is Rs. 8,197; and

" (*b*) The number of trees planted during the year and the number reported to be surviving are as follows:—

Number of trees planted.	Number of trees surviving.
4,343,162	3,098,042 (excluding Madras, Tirunelveli and Tanjore for which figures are not available.)

The above figures represent trees planted only during the Vanamahotsava week, i.e., the first week of July. In many districts trees were continued to be planted up to 31st October for purpose of count. Figures in respect of plantings during this extended period are not readily available."

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Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" How many times in a year these Vanamahotsavams are celebrated? Also what is the amount spent on the celebrations and what is the amount spent on actual planting of trees? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Vanamahotsavam is celebrated only once a year and the sum of Rs. 8,197 mentioned by me in my answer was spent only for planting of trees. There has been no expenditure on any Utsavam as such. The hon. Member need not be under any misapprehension that a festival is celebrated. Only the name Utsava is given and no festival is celebrated."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it not a fact that every year trees are planted in the compounds of Government offices and in the same pits? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member gives me that information, I take it and I shall enquire how far the information is correct."

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—" இந்த 40 லட்சம் மரக் கன்றுகள் எங்கே இருந்து தருவிக்கப்படுகின்றன."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Departments of Forests and Agriculture have their own nurseries and from these, the seedlings are distributed."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" வன மகோத்சவம் என்ற வார்த்தைக்கு தமிழ் வார்த்தை கிடைக்கவில்லையா ? தமிழ் வார்த்தைகளைப் போடுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I can claim that ' Vanamahotsava ' is a Tamil word. We, Tamilians, adopt so many similar words and it is not right that we should coin some new word which cannot be understood by several Tamilians."

Repairs to the tank of Mel Arungunam, Gingee taluk.

* 329 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the last repair to the tank of Mel Arungunam, Gingee firka, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, was done?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The tank was repaired during 1931–32."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" என் 20 ஆண்டுகளாக அந்த ஏரி ஒழுங்காக இருக்கிறதா இல்லையா என்று அரசாங்கம் கவனிக்கவில்லை ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The tank is all right and needs no repair. The bund and everything else are all right except that the sluice alone is leaky. (Laughter.) Attempts were made to attend to this